

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the present application in light of the above amendments and following remarks. Claims 1-25 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 26 has been added. Therefore, claim 26 is pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-19, 24 and 25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. See *Final Office Action*, pg. 2. Claims 1, 3-9, 11-19, 24 and 25 have been cancelled, therefore Applicant requests that the rejection of claims 1, 3-9, 11-19, 24 and 25 be withdrawn.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,409,102 to Luttrell et al. ("the Luttrell reference"). Claim 1 has also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by either the Kosa reference, U.S. Patent No. 4,705,581 to Honkura et al. ("the Honkura reference"), or U.S. Patent No. 5,091,024 to DeBold et al. ("the DeBold reference"). Claim 1 has been cancelled, therefore Applicant requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-13, 15-19, 24 and 25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Luttrell reference in view of the Kosa reference. Since claims 1, 3-9, 11-13, 15-19, 24 and 25 have been cancelled, Applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

The Examiner stated that claim 14 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form as claim 26 and includes the limitations of claims 5 and 12-14.

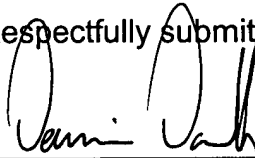
Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claim 26 is in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that any unresolved issues remain in this case, the undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number listed below to arrange for an issue resolving conference.

Applicant does not believe that any fee is due at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may have been overlooked to Deposit Account No. 10-0223.

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